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RE: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

**TPUC Project No. 25787 - FCC Letters Regarding ETC Designation
Pursuant to FTA '96 § 214(e) (2)**

**TPUC Docket No. 35641 – Application of SC TxLink, LLC., for Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier Designation and Eligible
Telecommunications Provider Designation**

ETC Designation of SC TxLink, LLC.

Pursuant to Section 214(e) (2) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act") and 47 C.F.R. sections 54.201 – 54.203, the Texas Public Utility Commission (TPUC) has granted eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) designation to SC TxLink, LLC. *Order No. 5*, Docket No. 35641, issued on June 11, 2008, grants SC TxLink, LLC., ETC designation in the study areas of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Texas and GTE Southwest, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Southwest effective June 11, 2008 (see attached

wire center list). AT&T Texas and Verizon Southwest are non-rural incumbent local exchange carriers.

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Sincerely,

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